



BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA

A PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH

WHEREAS: The physical and mental health of today's youth is critical to the future well-being of our state and development of our nation. As such, guarding every aspect of our children's health is imperative for society; and

WHEREAS: An important component of a child's general health is dental health, and learning and maintaining a routine centered on good oral hygiene is a primary step in the development of a healthy body; and

WHEREAS: Educational programs advocating for good dental health habits for children and youth, as well as in support of fluoridation of public water supplies, are instrumental in preventing dental disease; and

WHEREAS: Organizations like the Georgia Dental Association are dedicated to supporting good dental health habits for our young people through educational programs such as the "Give Kids A Smile Program"; and

WHEREAS: Adults are urged to ensure that children brush their teeth carefully at least twice a day; floss their teeth once a day; visit a dental office for preventative checkups and cleanings; and eat a well-balanced diet, avoiding excessive snacks between meals; now

THEREFORE: I, NATHAN DEAL, Governor of the State of Georgia, do hereby proclaim February 2017 as CHILDREN'S DENTAL HEALTH MONTH in Georgia.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the Executive Department to be affixed this 10th day of January in the year of our Lord two thousand seventeen.



Nathan Deal

GOVERNOR

ATTEST

Chris W. Riley

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